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DEPT PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SOCIALIST PARTY REACTION TO GOP SHIFTS

1. SOARES HAS JUST SENT AN EMISSARY TO TELL ME HE INTENDS TO
STAND FIRM AGAINST VASCO GONCALVES APPOINTMENT. HE ASKED MY
VIEWS. SENT SOARES WORD I AGREED FULLY WITH HIS POSITION.

2. EMISSARY SAID SOARES AND SALGADA ZENHA HAD MET WITH COSTA
GOMES AND PINHEIRO DE AZEVEDO THIS MORNING. PRESIDENT OFFERED
SOCIALISTS MAJORITY POSITION IN AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT. SOARES
CHARACTERIZED GONCALVES MOVE AS A "PROMOTION," AND SAID HE WOULD
NEVER PARTICIPATE IN GOP IF GONCALVES IS CHIEF OF STAFF OF
ARMED FORCES.

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3. PINHEIRO DE AZEVEDO THEN LIST HIS TEMPER AND SHOUTED AT SOARES THAT HE WOULD ARREST HIM. SOARES REPLIED HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED OFF AND ON SINCE AGE 17, AND IF AZEVEDO WISHED TO CREATE MARTYR HE SHOULD GO AHEAD.

4. SOARES POSITION HAS BEEN WIDELY PUBLICIZED IN NEW PARTY NEWSPAPER "A LUTA." PAPER QUOTES SOARES AS SAYING GONCALVES PROMOTION IS A DELIBERATE PROVOCATION TO NATO.

5. SOARES IS MEETING RIGHT NOW (8:00 PM LOCAL) WITH THE NINE TO COORDINATE THEIR FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION. HE INTENDS TO TAKE A TOUGH LINE.
CARLUCCI

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED THE SECRETARY'S PARTY.

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